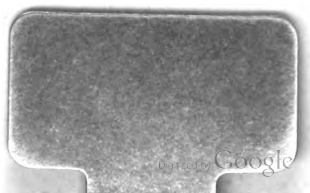




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MORNING AND EVENING

PRAYERS

FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK,

ADAPTED FOR

The Use of Families,

WITH

SHORT PRAYERS FOR PARTICULAR OCCASIONS.

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WILLIAM,
LORD, BISHOP OF LONDON,
THESE PRAYERS
ARE, WITH THE
GREATEST RESPECT AND GRATITUDE, INSCRIBED,
BY HIS LORDSHIP'S MOST DEVOTED
AND OBEDIENT, HUMBLE SERVANT,
HENRY TATTAM.

INTRODUCTION.

A PORTION of the sacred scriptures should always, if possible, be read before family prayer; for remember, “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” If we desire to be instructed and made wise and intelligent, we must pay a constant attention to the scriptures, for there we have truth unmixed with

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error; and by a proper attention to the things there taught, the mind will generally be brought into a proper state for prayer.

Do any inquire, how much of the scriptures should be read at a time, and the best plan of reading them? As to the first point, it must depend entirely upon the leisure of the family: but, if only a few verses, or a whole chapter be read, let it be with the greatest reverence and solemnity. Remember, it is God's word, "which is able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus:"—It is the word of him,

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who will shortly come to be our judge.

In answering the second question, “What is the best method of reading the scriptures in the family?” Probably as profitable a method, as can be adopted in the general way, will be to read them regularly; taking a portion of the Old Testament one part of the day, and of the New, the other. We may read the Five Books of Moses, with the four Gospels, and the Book of Joshua with the Acts of the Apostles, between which, the analogy will appear most striking.

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In reading these books together, we must bear in mind, that the Pentateuch contains the history of the great Jewish Legislator, and the laws on which the *Jewish Church* should be established. The Gospels contain a history of Jesus Christ, the great Christian Legislator, and of those laws on which his church should be established, and by which it should be governed. The Book of Joshua contains an account of the establishment of the Jewish church, according to the promises and declarations of God. So likewise, the Acts of the Apostles

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give an account of the actual establishment of the Christian Church, according to the predictions and promises of Christ. What is pointed out in the Old Testament by types and shadows, is clearly and fully expressed in the New.

The analogies are so abundant between the Old and the New Testaments, that time would fail to enumerate them. It is on this principle, that they should both be read together; as both Testaments, not only throw light upon each other, but like to flames when joined together, their united light

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shines with greater splendor and glory.

In recommending the Pentateuch and book of Joshua to be read with the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles ; I would advise the heads of families, to confine themselves very closely to these chapters, appointed by our Church to be read, for the daily lessons ; and, therefore, beg to give the following statement :—

Gen. i. to ix. ; xii. to the end. Exod. ii. to xx. ; xxiii. to the end. Levit. xvi. ; xxiii. to the end. Numb. xi. to xxv. ; xxvii. to xxx. xxxii. xxxv. xxxvi. Deut. i. to xxi. ; xxvi. to the end. Josh. i. to x. ; xii. to the end.

PREFACE.

THE author of these prayers, has been recently calling the attention of his parishioners to the important duty of family worship. To assist his people in their devotional exercises, and to encourage those who had neglected to begin the wholesome practice of family prayer, he was desirous of putting into

their hands a short and cheap manual. He considered it might also prove an useful supplement to those family prayers already in use, among some of his parishioners.

The following considerations are submitted to the heads of families, who are placed in a most responsible situation. They have to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to rule well their own households. Nor is it the least important part of their duty, to

teach their families their entire dependance upon God ; and to lead them, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make their requests known unto him. Joshua felt the importance of family religion, and he came to this resolution : “ as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” It is hoped, the heads of families will see the importance of the charge committed to their trust, and will endeavour to discharge the duties which devolve upon them.

It is a chief object of these

prayers, to lead the worshippers to a sense and confession of their own sinfulness, and then, to that full and free mercy which is treasured up in Christ Jesus; that they may be brought to rely upon him, in the exercise of true repentance, and a lively faith.

Plainness and simplicity have been studied in the composition, and scriptural language has been generally adopted, as it was felt desirable to express our wants, as far as possible, in language dictated by the Spirit of God. With the

view of enriching the work with some of the devotion and propriety of expression adopted by the Church of England, quotations have been frequently made from our sublime, and almost inspired Liturgy.

Short prayers have been added for particular occasions, such as Ash Wednesday, and the religious festivals of the Church; the commencement and conclusion of the year; and the seasons of sickness and death. These supplementary

forms, may be used with the morning and evening prayer of the day. The excellent prayers for Ash Wednesday, are taken from the Communion service of the Church of England; as the writer felt convinced, that any thing he could produce, would fall infinitely short of those excellent compositions, which are particularly recommended to the attention of families, during the season of Lent.

No prayers have been added for the express use of individuals,

as the prayers in this little manual, will serve for a single person in the closet, as well as for a family, by changing the plural for the singular number.

The writer feels by no means satisfied with the performance now offered to his people, but he has done what he could, and he sends it forth, humbly imploring the divine blessing upon it. If it prove the cause of prayer being offered up in those families where prayer has been neglected, or the

means of leading one sinner to Christ, the writer will have abundant cause for gratitude, and will consider it a rich compensation for his labour.

Bedford, May, 1, 1825.

A PRAYER

BEFORE READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever, hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

2 COR. XIII. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

NUMB. VI. 24, 25, 26.

The Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

HELPS TO DEVOTION.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O THOU infinite Jehovah, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, in whom we live, and move, and have our being. Thou beholdest all things both in heaven and earth. There is not a thought in our heart, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether. O! help us to approach thee this morning, with the greatest reverence and

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humility, to make our requests known unto thee. Pour upon us the spirit of grace and supplication. May we come unto thee fully sensible of our guilt and misery; and rely alone on the merits of Christ, for pardon and acceptance.

We would acknowledge, with the deepest contrition, our manifold sins and wickedness, which we have committed against thee. Our deceitful hearts have revolted from thee, and we have loved and served the creature, more than thee, the Creator. We have been careful and troubled about many things, but have neglected the one thing needful, the salvation of

the soul. Our chief concern has been, what shall we eat, what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed. It is of thy mercies, O Lord, because thy compassions fail not, that we are not consumed. Thy mercies are new every morning, and great is thy faithfulness. Enable us to put away every evil from before thine eyes, and hereafter to love and serve thee, in newness of life.

This is thine own day, on which thy Son Jesus Christ arose from the dead. He was exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance, and forgiveness of sins. Help us to consecrate this day entirely to thy glory, not speaking

our own words, nor doing our own works. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for thy mercies, and may we praise thee with joyful lips. Grant us such a measure of thy grace, that we may call upon thee in public and in private, from a feeling sense of our wants. We look up to thee with confidence, because of the riches of thy mercy in Christ Jesus.

We confess with shame before thee, O Lord, that we have broken thy sabbaths, forsaken thy services, and neglected our own mercies. We would confess with humble contrition, that, when in thy house of prayer, we have drawn near to thee with our mouths, and ho-

noured thee with our lips, while our hearts were far from thee. Pardon the iniquity of our holy things, and deliver us this day, from coldness and formality in thy service. May we call upon thee aright, and obtain mercy, and find grace to help us in every time of need. While engaged in secret, or in public, may our thoughts and our affections be fixed upon things above. May we hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled. Grant that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge and love of thee ; and may we obtain a complete conformity to thy will, in all things. May we now so improve and enjoy thy

sabbaths, that we may be prepared for the enjoyment of an eternal sabbath in heaven.

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, for the reception of thy holy word. Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the work. May thy word be so treasured up in our memories, and exhibited in our lives, that all may know, that we are thy disciples.

Bless all thy ministers, who labour in the word and doctrine this day. Make them faithful in the discharge of their important duties, and give them wisdom rightly to divide the word of truth. May they be instant in season, and out of season, reproof, re-

buking, and exhorting, with all long-suffering and doctrine; making fully known the gospel of Christ. May their lives bear testimony to the truths they preach, and let thy blessing rest abundantly, upon all their labours. We intreat thee to assist and bless him, whom thy providence has placed over us, and who ministers to us in holy things. Let holiness to the Lord be inscribed upon his heart, and manifest in all his actions. May the word preached, prove the savour of life unto life to all who hear him.

Have mercy upon all, who shall appear in thy house of prayer this day; and bless them as their se-

veral states may require. Awaken the careless to a serious consideration of their ways. Succour the tempted, support the weak, and comfort the afflicted. Be a Father to the fatherless, and a Friend to the widow. Make the word preached applicable to all; and may every rebellious heart be subdued, to the obedience of Christ.

Have mercy, O Lord, on those who love the ordinances of thy house, but who are deprived by sickness, or any just cause, from entering thy courts; be with them and bless them. Have mercy upon those, who neither value nor improve their opportunities of wait-

ing upon thee. May they know the day of their visitation, and be turned to thee.

We desire, O Lord, to render unfeigned thanks unto thee, for all the mercies thou hast conferred upon us. We bless and praise thy name for preserving us through the night, and permitting us to see the beginning of another sabbath. May our gratitude, and our improvement, in some measure, be in proportion to thy blessing. Bless the Lord, O our souls.

Hear these our prayers we humbly beseech thee, and answer our supplications through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost,

be ascribed all power, might, majesty, and dominion, now, and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dwellest in light which no man can approach, whom no man hath seen or can see; Thou art worthy to receive honour, thanksgiving, and praise, from all thy creatures. O help us to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every evening.

We acknowledge, that thy mercies towards us are infinite. O may our ingratitude, our vileness, and our sin, humble us in the dust

before thee ; for we have sinned greatly against thee, our Almighty Father, and best Benefactor. Our sins deserve thy judgment and thy wrath ; we have nothing to plead before thee, but God be merciful to us sinners. O ! pardon and receive us, we humbly beseech thee, for the sake of thy dear Son ; and may our prayers, which we offer before thee, for his sake, be heard and answered.

We thank thee, O Lord, for the rich privileges, and the many blessings which we have received, during this sabbath. We thank thee, that we have been permitted to assemble in thy house of prayer, and to call upon thy name. We

praise thee, for the declarations of thy word, that with thee there is mercy, and plenteous redemption ; and him who cometh to thee, thou wilt in no wise cast out. We are unthankful and unholy ; but, thus encouraged, we would trust in that “ full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, which Christ made for the sins of the whole world.” “ May our sinful bodies be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood ;” and may we ever hereafter serve and please thee, to the honour and glory of thy name.

We have cause to be ashamed, and confounded before thee, O Lord,

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on account of the defects of our best services; how much more, when we reflect, that our sabbaths have been unimproved, and may justly rise up in judgment against us. How often have we appeared in thy house, and have acknowledged the sins which we have not fully felt, and confessed the guilt, which we have not deeply deplored. We have often heard thy word, but have done it not; nor has the good seed brought forth in us, the abundant fruits of righteousness. May the review of our sabbaths deeply humble us for the past, and excite us to diligence, watchfulness, and prayer. Cleanse us from all our sins, and quicken and sanctify us,

by the influences of thy holy Spirit, that we may glorify thee, in our souls and bodies, which are thine. Let that mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus; and may all unholy and unchristian tempers and dispositions be subdued in us. Grant that the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, may appear and abound in us; that we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Gracious Father, let thy word, which has been preached this day, answer the purposes of thy grace and mercy. May all who have heard it, receive it in truth and in

love. Sanctify our memories, that they may retain the truths of thy holy word, and may we in very deed fulfil the same. May thy word alarm the careless sinner, and daring impenitent; and may it bring them to thee, with humble, broken, and contrite hearts. May it comfort those who mourn, enlighten the ignorant, support the weak, and lead all to the lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. O! let not our present privileges, increase our guilt and condemnation; but may the truths of the gospel, have a practical and saving influence upon our hearts. Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly, in all wisdom; and may we

daily grow in grace, and in the knowledge and love of God. O Lord! hasten the time, when the light of the glorious gospel shall shine, in all the dark places of the earth, that the heathen may become thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth thy possession. Remove, we intreat thee, the thick veil of darkness and ignorance, from the minds of the Jews, and may they look unto Jesus Christ their Saviour. O! hasten the time, when all Israel shall be gathered into the fold of Christ, and when every heart shall love thee, every knee bow to thee, and every tongue shall praise thy name.

O blessed Lord! hear the prayers

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which have been offered up this day, in the name of Christ, and do thou send an answer of peace to all who have waited upon thee, and relieve them according to their necessities.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to prosper the labours of thy servants, who have this day been preaching the word of reconciliation; especially of him who labours among us. May all thy ministers be examples to the flock, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity; and let none of thy words, delivered by them, fall to the ground.

Accept our humble thanks, O Lord, for all the mercies of the

day, and of our whole lives. Continue thy watchful care over us through the night, and keep us from all sin and danger. Grant that we may rise in the morning with renewed strength, both of body and of mind; and may we render our thanksgivings to thee, and devote ourselves afresh to thy service. Grant us grace and strength to follow thee wholly. We ask these blessings, with every needful mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, thou art the Creator and preserver of all things, from whom every good and perfect gift proceedeth. Thou art good unto all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. Look upon us, and grant us the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may worship thee in spirit, and in truth. Regard us, with the favour that thou bearest to thy people, and visit us with thy salvation.

Grant, O Lord! that we may come before thee this morning, with grateful hearts; truly sensible of our renewed mercies, and of our utter unworthiness. - While we are praising thee for thy goodness, may we be humble and contrite for our sins, pleading the merits of the Lord Jesus, as our only hope of salvation.

In the deepest humility, we would again acknowledge our sins unto thee, O our God! They are all known unto thee, for thou searchest the heart, and triest the reins; and there is not a thought in our heart, but thou, O Lord! knowest it altogether. Thou hast declared, that thou wilt bring every work into

judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. We confess that our iniquities are aggravated against thee. O Lord! pardon them for they are great, and blot out all our sins. Turn us from the love of sin, and our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken us in thy law. Make thy goodness to pass before us, and discover to us the loveliness of thy character, as the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. May we love thee above all things, and glorify thee by a holy life and conversation. We acknowledge, O Lord, that our affections have been earthly, and that our desires have

been too generally upon worldly and sinful objects. We have been pursuing things which are seen and temporal, and have neglected those which are unseen and eternal. O Lord! we wait upon thee, for thy mercy is higher than the heavens. We apply to the efficacy of the blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin. We plead his merits, which are available for the chief of sinners. O grant! that we may believe in him, to the saving of our souls.

O God! of our salvation, we pray thee to grant, that every thought, and word, and desire, may be brought into obedience to the will of Christ. Enable us to deny

ourselves all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; may we take up our cross daily and follow thee. May we discharge with faithfulness, every duty of the station in which thy Providence has placed us, whether as masters, servants, parents, or children; and may our lives and conversation prove to all, that we are thy disciples. Deliver us, O Lord, from all the temptations of Satan, and the snares of the world. May our hearts and hopes be fully fixed, where true joys are to be found.

O Lord! we intreat thee in mercy to remember all mankind; and, as

thou makest thy sun to rise on the evil, and on the good, do thou have mercy upon the unthankful and the unholy. Show all, who are living in sin, the greatness of their guilt, and the danger of their situation; may they turn to thee, in self-abhorrence and cry; save Lord or we perish.

We commend unto thee, O Lord! all who are in trouble and affliction. Sanctify their afflictions, and make them instrumental in drawing their minds from the love of the world, and in fixing them upon thee. May they turn to thee with all their hearts, and find consolation. May they at length be brought to say,

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“it is good for me, that I have been afflicted.”

We would intercede with thee, O Father of mercies, for all our relations and friends. May they be turned from sin, and become the objects of thy care and love ; and do thou bring them at last to thy kingdom and glory.

Pour out, we beseech thee, thy spirit upon all men ; and bless the means that are used for the spread of the gospel. Make thy ways known upon earth, and thy saving health among all nations. May all kings fall down before thee, and all nations do thee service. May thine ancient people, Israel, look

unto thee, the Lord their righteousness, and be saved.

Thou who keepest Israel, hast mercifully preserved us through the night. Be thou our protector and guide through the day; and “grant, that we may fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight.”

We return thee our thanks, O Lord, for all thy mercies. We praise thee for the health of our bodies, and for the use of our reason. We thank thee for food and clothing, and for all our friends; but, above all, we praise thee, for

the rich provision thou hast made for the salvation of the world, and for the spiritual blessings which we enjoy. Grant us grace so to improve our privileges, that we may daily be prepared for thy kingdom and glory.

Hear these our prayers, and supplications, and accept our thanksgivings for thy mercies; and do more for us than we can ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING

Most holy and blessed, Lord God, thou hast set thy glory above the heavens, and thy name is most excellent in all the earth. Thy compassions fail not, therefore, we are still spared. Let us draw near to thee, in adoring gratitude, that thou hast added another day to our lives. It is because thou willest not the death of a sinner, that we are the living to praise thee this evening. O! may we fall down before thee,

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sensible of our guilt, and of thine infinite mercies in Christ Jesus.

We confess that we were by nature, born in sin, and the children of wrath, even as others. We have revolted from thy commandments, and gone astray from thee, even from our youth. We desire now to humble ourselves at thy footstool, and to confess our transgressions before thee. Make us deeply contrite, we beseech thee, for all the sins that we have committed; for a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Lord have mercy upon us, and grant us repentance unto life. Heal our backslidings, and pardon our unbelief and contempt of thy word.

There is mercy with thee, O Lord, and plenteous redemption. Thou hast given thine only son to die for sinners, and hast exalted him to be a Prince and a Saviour. We plead his merits before thee, and make mention of his righteousness only. He is the Lord our righteousness, who bore our sins in his own body on the tree. Grant us redemption, through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins, that we may walk in the light of his countenance.

As we have yielded ourselves servants of unrighteousness unto sin, may we, henceforth, yield ourselves the servants of righteousness unto God. May we abstain from

the very appearance of evil ; and live, in the fear of the Lord, all the day. May we see more and more of the beauty and the excellency there is in Christ Jesus, and honour him in all our ways. May the love of Christ influence all our hearts, that we may take him for our example, and follow his steps.

Keep us, gracious Lord, from the love of this present evil world, and from a conformity to its sinful practices. Deliver us from the fear of reproach, for our obedience to thee ; and grant that our lives may never disgrace our profession, or cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of. Preserve us in every trial and trouble to which we may

be exposed, and may we look to thee for grace and support. By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving may we make our requests known unto thee. In all our ways enable us to acknowledge thee, and do thou direct our paths. Suffer us not to distrust thy goodness, or yield to unnecessary anxiety, respecting the issue of any event; but in every affair may we commit ourselves to thy guidance, and implicitly follow the leadings of thy Providence. Grant that we may be holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. May we conduct ourselves with meekness and wisdom towards all men; and grow daily in grace, and in the knowledge, and love of God.

Bless the labours, in which we have been lawfully engaged this day ; and prosper all our temporal concerns, as far as shall be for our good, and for thy glory. In whatsoever state we are, may we learn therewith to be content. If riches increase, may we not set our hearts upon them, but may they be used for the advancement of thy glory ; and if called to suffer poverty and want, may we be enabled to say : “ it is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good.” Let us ever remember that it is the Lord that maketh poor, and maketh rich ; he bringeth low and lifteth up.

O Lord ! we intreat thee to bless thy church and people, and grant thy Holy Spirit to all who call upon

thy name. Add to them daily such as shall adorn their profession, by a holy life, and unblamable conversation. Let all the ministers and members of thy church, be actuated by a lively zeal for thy glory, and live in unity and godly love. “May they keep the faith, in unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.” Send forth the glad tidings of salvation to all lands, and prosper abundantly the labours of thy ministers, among the heathen. Bring back thine ancient people Israel, and may they return unto thee, and receive salvation through the blood of Christ.

Bless the circulation of thy holy

word, and grant that it may enlighten the dark places of the earth; and lead every sinner to genuine repentance. We thank thee, O Lord, for the grace and mercy that it reveals to sinners; and do thou grant us grace to believe its declarations, to obey its precepts, and to rejoice in the fulfilment of its promises.

We finally praise thee, O Lord, for all thy blessings, and pray thee to continue thy mercies to us. Pardon the sins of the day past, and let thy blessing rest upon us. Do thou raise us up in health in the ensuing day, and enable us to live to thy glory; and when we lie down in death, may we rise to a

blissful immortality, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY ! we, thine unworthy creatures, desire again to draw near to thee in humble supplication. Let our prayers come acceptably before thee, being offered in the all prevailing name, and through the merits of our Lord and Saviour. Thou, O God, art a Spirit ; may our morning worship be a spiritual service.

Grant us, O Lord, thy Holy Spirit, to convince us more and more of sin, of righteousness, and of judg-

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ment. May we see more clearly, the dangerous consequences of neglecting the great salvation, provided for us. Grant that we may come to thee, weary and heavy laden with the burden of our sins, that we may find rest.

We acknowledge, O Lord, before thee, that we are guilty creatures. “ We have erred and strayed from thy ways like unto lost sheep. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; and there is no health in us.” Our souls cleave unto the dust, and our deceitful hearts lead us from thee. O Lord ! pardon our sins, and turn

away the fierceness of thine anger, that we perish not. We plead before thee, the great atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, that with his stripes we might be healed.

O merciful Father! grant us true contrition, and unfeigned sorrow, for all that we have thought and done amiss. Quicken us by thy Holy Spirit, and enable us to live to thee. Give us grace to resist every temptation, and to mortify every wrong desire. May we set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth. Do thou

enable us to set thee always before us, and to glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits which are thine. Whatsoever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might.

We are again entering upon the active business of another day ; be with us we pray thee, and “ defend us through the same by thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger.”

We acknowledge that we are weak and ignorant ; and, if left to ourselves, we shall turn aside from thy commandments. May we find in thee wisdom, and righteousness, and strength. Do thou guide us by thy counsel, protect us by thy

arm, and, at length, bring us to everlasting glory.

We would, O Lord, be followers of Jesus, who was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. Preserve us that we may not disgrace thy cause by our conduct, nor grieve thy Holy Spirit by our sins. Enable us to watch and pray, that we enter not into temptation. May we look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

O gracious Lord, we pray thee to look in mercy upon the whole world. Soften the hearts of those who are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Open the eyes of those whom Satan hath blinded, and, who are living in wilful viola-

tion of thy commands. O thou holy and most merciful Saviour! suffer none to deceive themselves, or to be deceived; suffer none to go on in sin and perish. Let none reject thy mercy, and plunge themselves into everlasting despair; but grant to all unfeigned repentance, that they may find mercy.

We pray thee, O Lord, to preserve and bless all, who are looking to thee for help and strength. Those who are weak in the faith, do thou strengthen and establish. Those who are tempted, do thou in mercy deliver, and grant that they may never make shipwreck of the faith and of a good conscience, but do thou keep them to the end.

Comfort the afflicted, whether in body or mind ; and grant that their afflictions may be sanctified to their present and everlasting good. May they prove the means of leading them to fix their hearts on Christ.

Bless all our relations and friends, we humbly beseech thee. Protect them from every evil, and lead them in the good and the right way. Give all men to see their need of Christ, as the hope set before them ; and to find salvation through his blood. Bless all who desire to be remembered in our prayers, and supply all their wants out of thy fulness by Christ Jesus.

We pray thee in mercy to regard the rising generation, and incline

them with all their hearts, to seek thee early. May all schools be nurseries of piety and virtue, and may every effort to lead the young to the knowledge of thee, be crowned with success.

Prosper every exertion that is made for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Let darkness, ignorance, and superstition be banished from the world. May the knowledge and love of God take full possession of every heart, till all shall know thee, from the least even to the greatest.

Hear and answer these our supplications and prayers, O Father Almighty, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom with thee and the Holy

Ghost, be all honour and glory,
world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our God, thou art glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. As thou art great in Majesty, so art thou also great in mercy towards the children of men. Though thou dwellest in heaven, yet thou condescendest to regard the wants of thy needy creatures. Help us to approach thee in deep humiliation on account of our sins, and to close this day with acts of praise and thanksgiving.

We would confess before thee, O Lord, our great sinfulness, with shame and contrition of heart. We have slighted thy mercy, and frequently been inattentive to the calls of thy grace. Our desires have been fixed upon things of this life, and we have not sought thee diligently, with all our hearts. O help each of us to fall low before thy footstool, and in the language of the publican to cry ; “ God be merciful to me a sinner.”

We are encouraged by thy word, sinful as we are, to look to thee for thy pardoning grace. We know that thou hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but wouldst rather that the wicked

should turn from his way and live. Thy word declares, that whosoever cometh to thee, through thy blessed Son, and believeth in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Enable us to come unto thee in true repentance, and a lively faith.

“Remember not, Lord, our offences, neither take thou vengeance of our sins; spare us good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.” Renew us in the spirit of our minds, and implant thy fear in our hearts. Enable us to live as in thy presence, and “to show forth thy praise, not

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only with our lips, but in our lives."

May we daily feel our weakness, and look to thee for strength, that "we may renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, so that we may neither follow, nor be led by them." May we be dead to the world, and have our affections so fixed upon thee, that in all things, we may be fully conformed to thy blessed will.

Subdue in us, O Lord, every wrong temper and improper disposition; and enable us to put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, with all malice. May we be kind and tender-

hearted, forgiving one another. May we be clothed with humility, and filled with all the fruits of the Spirit.

Be graciously pleased, O Lord, to quicken all those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Discover to them, we pray thee, their danger and their duty, and apply to their minds the threatenings of thy word, that they may fully attend to the declarations of thy mercy.

Send down thy Holy Spirit, O God, upon all ranks and orders of men, in the church, and in the world; upon the Jews and Gentiles. May all be brought to know thee, and to love, and obey thy righteous will. Support the weak,

O Lord, and establish the wavering in the way of life. Strengthen every good resolution, and confirm every holy determination, and keep them, by thy grace, from sinning against thee.

Look in tender mercy, O God, upon the aged, and upon the sick, May they seek to thee for the forgiveness of their sins, through the atonement of Christ, and do thou prepare them for thy kingdom. May their hearts and hopes be surely there fixed, where true joys alone are to be found.

We beseech thee to have mercy upon our relations and friends. Do thou confer upon them every blessing, both spiritual and tem-

poral ; and at length, bring them and us, to everlasting life.

“ Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts ;” and grant us grace to forgive every injury we have sustained. Let us not be overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

O merciful Father, we entreat thy blessing upon all who desire an interest in our prayers. Visit them with thy mercy, supply all their wants, and make them partakers of thy salvation.

We return thee our unfeigned thanks, for all the mercies we have received through the day ; and we pray thee, to take us under

thy care this night. Suffer no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling. May we lie down in peace, and rest in safety, knowing, that thou who keepest Israel, neither slumberest nor sleepest. May we awake, in the morning, refreshed and prepared to discharge the duties of another day. Shouldst thou of thine inscrutable wisdom, call us into eternity before the dawn of another day, do thou of thy mercy receive us to thy kingdom and glory.

“ Now to him that is able to keep us from falling, and to preserve us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding

joy ; to the only wise God our Saviour," with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, " be glory, and majesty, dominion and power, both now, and for ever. Amen."

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, who art worshipped, and adored by all the angelic host, suffer us with all our wants and imperfections to fall down before thee. Thou hast brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against thee. Enable us to confess our transgressions before thee, and, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, do thou pardon and heal our souls.

It is thou, of thy goodness, O

God, who hast preserved us through the darkness and dangers of the night, and hast given us another opportunity of waiting upon thee. We thank thee for all the blessings thou hast conferred upon us, both of providence and of grace. Thou hast shielded us in dangers, thou hast supported us in trials, and delivered us in afflictions. All our enjoyments are the fruits of thy unbounded goodness. All our mercies flow from thee, and call for our continual praise and thanksgivings. We thank thee, O Lord, above all, for the glorious redemption thou hast provided for sinners. We thank thee, for the light of the gospel, for the means of grace,

and for the hope of glory. Grant that we may show forth our gratitude in the improvement of our privileges, and the devotedness of our lives to thy service.

We acknowledge that our sins are great and aggravated, and shouldst thou enter into judgment with us, we must fall beneath thy avenging hand. "O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities;" but for the sake of Jesus Christ, turn away thy wrath from us. Grant that a sense of our sinfulness may humble us in thy sight, and bring us to thee for mercy.

Create us anew in Christ Jesus to good works, and grant that we

may be justified by faith, and have peace with God. Grant that our whole conduct may bear testimony to the world, that we are turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God. Enable us to give all diligence to make our calling and election sure. Grant that thy Holy Spirit may take possession of our hearts, and lead us into all truth, that we may be fruitful in every good word and work. Do thou preserve us in the hour of temptation, and keep us in thy fear all the day. May we have the constant testimony of our conscience that we please thee. May we have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness,

but rather reprove them; and, by well doing, put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. Grant us a lively faith in Christ, and enable us to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil.

Send down thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, upon thy church, in every part of the world. Let all seek to thee and obtain purity of heart, and a conformity to thy word, in faith and practice. Let grace, mercy, and peace, rest upon them, and may they walk in the light of thy countenance. Do thou bless especially, that part of thy church, to which we belong. Let our improvement correspond with our privileges, and our practice

with our knowledge. May thy grace influence all to love, and to good works.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to continue thy mercies to our friends and relatives. Enable them to seek to thee to be justified, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; that they may be saved from wrath through him.

Bless all who pray for us, or desire our prayers; and grant them every blessing they stand in need of.

Look down, O Lord, upon all who are living in sin, and rebellion against thee; and take from them all ignorance, "hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and

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commandment." Support those who are weak in faith, and lead them forward in the right way. Comfort those who are sorrowing for sin, and grant that all who sow in tears may reap in joy. Be with us, O Lord, and keep us throughout this day; and bless us in the discharge of the duties of our several stations. Let not the cares of this world, make us indifferent to the concerns of another and better state. Grant that we may be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; may we bring forth the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Grant that every temper of mind

which is inconsistent with thy blessed gospel, may be put away from us. Subdue the pride of our natures, and the perverseness of our dispositions. Deliver us from all envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness. May our conversation be such as becometh the gospel of Christ, knowing that by our words we shall be justified, and by our words we shall be condemned. Grant that the fruits of thy blessed Spirit may appear and abound in us; and may we be filled with all the fulness of God. As we know not what a day may bring forth, may we be always ready for the approach of death; and may we be steadfast, and un-

moveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Hear and accept our praises and thanksgivings, and receive these our prayers. Pardon all our sins, we beseech thee, and make us holy, that we may be received into thy kingdom and glory. We ask all these blessings only through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed present and eternal praise. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD, the King of glory, thou art God over all, blessed for ever. Thy works are perfect, and thy ways judgment. Thou art righteous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works. Thou compassest our paths, and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways. Help us, O Lord, to approach thee aright; to offer unto thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving for all thy mercies, and to call

upon thee in an acceptable manner.

When we reflect upon our sinfulness, and bring our iniquities to remembrance, we are individually constrained to cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner." We have often sinned wilfully, and deliberately against thee, and have every day provoked thy righteous displeasure. We are, by nature, the children of wrath. Our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

To whom can we go, laden with guilt and sin, but unto thee, who

wouldst not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live. Blot out our transgressions, and make us holy, for we come unto thee in the name, and the all prevailing merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the propitiation for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world : wash us, O Lord, from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sins, through the efficacy of his atoning blood. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace. Grant that we henceforth may “ have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, nor walk according to the course of this world ;” but enable us “ to put off

concerning our former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts." May we be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and established unblamable in holiness before God.

Grant that we may love thee, O Lord, with a pure heart fervently; and present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. Grant that all our words and actions may be such as shall tend to thy glory. Write thy law in our hearts, and grant that we may adorn our christian profession by a full conformity to thy will. Subdue all our evil tempers, and unholy dispositions, and enable us to

keep our tongues from evil, and our lips that they speak no guile. Grant that we may put on bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, and long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another; and endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace. Deliver us from covetousness, worldly mindedness, and too great attachment to the things of the world. Enable us to watch against all our spiritual enemies, and “to triumph against the world, the flesh, and the devil; and to continue thy faithful soldiers and servants to our life’s end.”

O merciful Father, hear our sup-

plications for all sorts and conditions of men ; and “ be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health among all nations.” We beseech thee to bless and defend the christian church, and deliver it from all error, both of faith and practice. Pour out, we beseech thee, the spirit of fervent prayer upon all the members of the church : May they seek for that mind which was in Christ Jesus, and walk as he also walked. Grant that the glad tidings of salvation may be speedily published to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. May Jews and Gentiles be brought to love and obey their only Sa-

viour. For this end, O Lord, bless the preaching of thy word; and make it quick and powerful, to destroy the influence of Satan, till ignorance and sin be banished from the earth.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the rising generation, and bless the instructions which are given them. May they remember thee, their Creator, in the days of their youth, and be early turned from every evil way. Grant thy blessing to all schools, and universities, that they may promote sound learning, and true religion. Water all who are instructed in them, with the dews of thy heavenly grace, and may they grow up in the knowledge and love of thee, and Jesus Christ

whom thou hast sent. May such regulations be adopted, as shall most conduce to the welfare of man, and to the advancement of thy glory. Let all who are designed for the office of the ministry, be prepared by thy Holy Spirit for the faithful discharge of their important duties. May they be faithful to their trust, and feed the flock of Christ, which he has purchased with his own blood.

We desire unfeignedly to thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings which thou hast conferred upon us. We bless thee, that thou hast preserved us though the day, and hast brought us again to the footstool of thy mercy. It is of thy rich goodness that our lives are

spared, and that we are exempt from the pains and afflictions which many endure. We thank thee, O Lord, for all the temporal blessings of this day; but especially we praise thee, for all the spiritual mercies with which we are favoured, and of which we are utterly unworthy. We thank thee for redemption by the blood of Christ, for the ordinances of thy house, and for the promises of thy word: and do thou enable us daily to improve them. Hear these our prayers, and send us an answer of peace to our supplications, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; thou art every where present, and thine eyes behold the children of men. Enable us not only to lay our wants before thee, but to thank thee for thy mercies, and to supplicate a continuance of thy favours, through Jesus Christ.

We are utterly unworthy of the least of thy mercies, for we have grievously sinned against thee. Our

transgressions are great and aggravated. We have sinned against light and knowledge, wilfully and deliberately, in thought, word, and deed. Grant to us that godly sorrow, which worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of. We come to thee, in the name of thy beloved Son, and plead his merits and death, as our only hope. He satisfied the demands of thy law, and hath opened a way into the holiest of holies by his own blood; therefore, thou canst now be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. O Lord, pardon our iniquity, and pass by our transgressions for thy dear Son's sake. Look upon the face of

thine anointed, and turn away the fierceness of thine anger that we perish not. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and put gladness into our heart, more than those whose corn, and wine, and oil are increased. Grant that we may be justified by faith, and have peace with God; and may the blood of Christ cleanse us from all sin.

O merciful and gracious Father, we thank thee for the many mercies which thou hast continued to us through the night, and art renewing with the return of the day. Thou hast preserved us from the dangers which have surrounded us, and hast suffered no evil to befall us. Thou hast refreshed us with

sleep, and hast raised us up in health and peace. Bless the Lord, O our souls.

As thou hast been about our bed by night, so be thou about our path by day. Guide us, we beseech thee, in the way that we should go, and bring us to the close of this day in peace with thee, and with all mankind. Deliver us from the evils and calamities to which we are exposed, and grant us whatever we need for this life, and for that which is to come. We are weak and helpless, do thou strengthen us by thy Spirit's might in the inner man. Cleanse us from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, that we may perfect holiness in thy fear. May our

whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Keep us humble, and dependent upon thee, for all we need; and may our life and conversation be such as becometh the Gospel of Christ. Enable us to discharge the duties of our stations with faithfulness, both to superiors and inferiors. Grant that the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, may be put away from us, with all malice. May we give all diligence to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness

brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity ; that we may not be unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord, make us more thankful for the mercies we are daily receiving, and more desirous for a complete conformity to thy will. May our hearts glow with gratitude, while our lips are praising thee ; and may thy glory and our salvation, be our constant aim. Grant that we may love thee with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength : may it be our delight, to do and suffer all thy righteous will.

We beseech thee to have mercy upon all mankind. Do thou bring

all men to the knowledge and love of thee, and may they daily seek their mercies and their happiness from thee. Grant that every rebellious spirit may be subdued to the obedience of Christ, and may thy love rule in their hearts: May grace reign in them through righteousness, to eternal life, till the whole earth shall be filled with thy glory.

We beseech thee to bless our nation, and all ranks and orders of men. We are highly exalted with privileges, may we also be a people fearing God, and working righteousness. Bless our gracious Sovereign, whom thy Providence has set over us. “Endue him with thy Holy Spirit; enrich him with thy hea-

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venly grace ; prosper him with all happiness, and bring him to thine everlasting kingdom." Bless all who are in authority under him, both in church and state. Grant that thy fear may dwell in their hearts, and may all their measures be directed to the advancement of thy glory, and the good of thy church and people. Grant that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, that true religion may flourish among us.

Hear our prayers, O merciful Lord, for our relations and friends. Quicken all who are dead in trespasses and sins, and make them alive to the things which belong to

their peace. Grant that all who are dear to us, in the ties of nature or friendship, may be devoted to thee. Look, in mercy, upon the fatherless and the widow, and turn their hearts unto thee. Be thou their protector, comforter, and guide through life ; and make them fit for thy heavenly kingdom.

Accept and answer us, O Lord our God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to whom with thee O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose name is holy, and who dwellest in the high and holy place ; thou hast condescended to say, to that man thou wilt look, who is of an humble and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at thy word. As guilty, we fall low before thy footstool, and present our supplications through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Blessed Lord, we are assured that a broken and contrite heart

thou wilt not despise. Enable us to offer to thee the sacrifice of a contrite spirit, deeply humbled on account of our sins. We have daily turned aside from thy commandments, and done evil in thy sight; neither is there any spiritual health in us. "Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever." We come to thee, guilty, and polluted, that we may be pardoned and cleansed. We come to thee, weary, and heavy laden, that we may find rest. We

rely alone upon the efficacy of the atonement made upon the cross, and pray that we may be purified by the blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin. Grant that our affections may be daily raised to high and heavenly things; and do thou bring into captivity every thought, to the obedience of Christ. "Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name." May we abstain from the very appearance of evil, and do thou sanctify us wholly, spirit, soul, and body, and preserve us blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In every situation in life in which we may be placed, enable us to live as in thy sight. Keep us from the love of this present evil world, and from being led away by its customs and follies. Grant that our conversation may be chaste, and all our conduct pure and holy. May we let our light so shine before men, that they may be led to glorify thee, our Father, who art in heaven. We know not what a day may bring forth, but we know that trials and afflictions will come upon us: enable us to bear them with patient resignation, and may they be sanctified to our good.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for our friends, — for all who dwell

round about us, and for all who desire our prayers. May all be brought to love thee with all their hearts, and to glorify thee with all their powers. Grant that they may be followers of thee, as dear children. Bless thy church and people in every place, and pour out upon them the spirit of grace and supplication. Let true religion flourish among them, and may all who name the name of Christ, depart from iniquity.

Grant, O Lord, that a spirit of compassion may be excited towards the heathen in every Christian breast. They are “aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenant of pro-

mise, having no hope, and without God in the world." Grant that all may 'pity their situation, and seek their salvation.

Let thy blessing rest upon all Missionary Societies; and give thy wisdom and grace to those who are connected with them, that their affairs may be conducted to thy glory.

Look in compassion, O Lord, upon all who are living in Christian lands, but who are strangers to thy fear and love. Stop them, we beseech thee, in their thoughtless course of folly and sin. Awaken them to their danger, and enable them to depart from iniquity.

Remember, in mercy, all who are afflicted, and grant that the afflictions of the body may end in the salvation of the soul. If they live, may it be to serve thee; and, if they die, may it be to enjoy thy presence for ever. Regard the fatherless and widow with compassion, that they may find mercy with thee. Grant that the young may be led early to seek thee, and may the old begin to call upon thee, that they perish not.

O Lord, and heavenly Father, while we are supplicating thy mercies, we would not forget to bless thee for the favours we enjoy. We thank thee for all our temporal blessings, but above all for thy

redeeming grace and mercy. Thou, O blessed Jesus, hast died that we might live, and hast opened a way for us into the holiest of holies by thy own blood. Praised be thy name, that thou hast spared us amidst our transgressions, and art still saying; "return unto me, for I have redeemed thee." Thou art inviting us to come unto thee, and hast promised that thou wilt in no wise cast us out. Praise the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, praise his holy name.

We commend ourselves to thy holy keeping during this night. May we lie down and awake under a sense of thy presence, and in the enjoyment of thy favour. Grant

that we may daily grow in meetness for thy kingdom and glory; till we sleep in Jesus, and awake to a blissful immortality. Hear these our supplications, we beseech thee, and grant that we may join the church triumphant in singing, Now to him that hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

BLESSED Lord God, who art great in counsel and mighty in working, whose eyes behold the children of men, to give to every one according to his works; enable us to draw near to thee in the name of Christ, and in the spirit of prayer. Grant us unfeigned repentance for all our sins, and grace to live hereafter to thy glory.

Accept our thanks, merciful Lord, for the continuation of all thy

blessings. Thou hast refreshed us with rest, and hast permitted us to see the beginning of another day, and to assemble before thee. Many, since we parted for the night, have passed into eternity, but we are the living to praise thee. Many are now laid upon beds of sickness, and afflicted with pain, but we are in the possession of health and peace. It is thou, O Lord, who suppliest all our wants, and givest all our blessings. Thou hast also caused thy spiritual favours to abound towards us, through Christ Jesus. Pardon and peace are proclaimed to us, guilty sinners, through his name; and we

are invited to accept of mercy through his merits and live. What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards us; bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

When we reflect upon thy goodness and mercy towards us, and our ingratitude and rebellions against thee, shame and confusion cover us. We would fall down in the deepest humility, and confess our transgressions. We have turned from thee, the fountain of living waters, and have hewn out to ourselves cisterns, that can hold no water. Thou hast called us to return to thee, but we have re-

fused; thou hast stretched out thy hands, but we have not regarded.

Blessed be thy name, thou art still abundant in goodness, and waiting to be gracious. Enable us to come to thee in true repentance, through Jesus Christ, that we may obtain the pardon of all our sins.

Awaken us, O Lord, to the awful consequences of a wilful disobedience to thy laws. Help us to watch and pray, and to depend upon thee daily, for grace and strength to follow thee. Stir us up to seek more earnestly for a saving knowledge of Christ; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us into all

truth. Give us more spirituality of mind, and an increasing desire to do thy will. May we be holy in all manner of conversation and godliness, walking worthy of our high calling. Grant that we may discharge the duties of our stations with diligence and faithfulness, while our hearts and affections are set upon things which are above. Deliver us from distressing cares and anxieties. Enable us to commit ourselves and all that we have daily unto thee; and by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto thee.

Prosper us, O Lord, in all our lawful undertakings this day. Pre-

serve us from all danger, both temporal and spiritual; and may we abstain from the very appearance of evil. Comfort us we beseech thee, with the consoling influences of thy Holy Spirit, and grant us that peace which the world cannot give, that we may rejoice in God our Saviour, and put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy.

Blessed Lord, we would present our prayers into thee for all mankind. Do thou in mercy turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. Be favourable to this our native land. Bless the king as supreme, and every branch of the royal family. May those who regulate the affairs of the na-

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tion be directed by thee: may they walk in thy commandments and seek to promote thy glory. Grant that our magistrates may be men fearing thee, and working righteousness,—a terror to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well. Bless all the ministers of religion, especially him who is set over us. May they be holy and unblamable in their lives, and diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties. Prepare them for all the public services of the sabbath; bless them in their labours, and grant that they may go forth in humble dependance upon thy Holy Spirit. Look down in mercy upon those who are seeking thee,

and who desire to live to thee. Grant them grace to obey thee, and confer upon them the pardon of all their sins.

Have mercy upon our brethren, and all whom we know and love ; and all who remember us in their prayers. Grant that all may seek thee, and obtain mercy and comfort from thee, through the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus. Look in pity also upon our enemies, and forgive them their sins. Turn their hearts unto thee, and enable us to forgive every injury which they have done to us.

Regard, in mercy, all who are in trouble or affliction ; and do thou sanctify to their good, every painful

dispensation of thy Providence. Grant that they may be humbled before thee, and may their hearts be turned wholly to thee.

Finally, we commit ourselves unto thee, O Lord. Do thou preserve us from all sin and danger, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, thou hast of thy goodness brought us in safety through the snares and dangers of another day: enable us to approach thee, under a deep sense of thy mercies. Grant that we may come through faith, in the atoning sacrifice of thy beloved Son.

Gracious Lord, we confess that we are not worthy of the least

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favour, which we experience from thee. We are conscious that our sins deserve thy wrath and indignation; for we have grieved thy Spirit, and broken thy laws. Shouldst thou be extreme to mark our iniquities, O Lord, who could stand. Thou art a God ready to pardon, and abundant in mercy. Enable us to come unto thee, with broken and contrite hearts; “that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee perfect remission and forgiveness.” Quicken us by thy Holy Spirit, and enable us to love thee, to rejoice in thee, and to live to thee. We are weak, and are exposed to many and great

dangers ; do thou strengthen us by thy Spirit, and lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Grant that we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling, and be established unblamable in holiness.

Our sins are great, and our wants are many ; but we look unto thee, through Jesus Christ, that our sins may be blotted out, and our wants supplied out of thy fulness. Grant us a humble and simple dependance upon thee, for grace to do and suffer all thy righteous will.

Grant, gracious Lord, that our love to thee may constrain us to consecrate ourselves, and all that we have unto thee. Make us rich

in faith, and diligent in following every good work. Let none of us deceive ourselves with a false peace, while we have no peace with thee; but grant that our hearts and desires, may be ever fixed upon thee. Suffer us not to dishonour thy holy religion by our lives, nor lay a stumbling block in the way of those who would seek thee; but may we be holy in all manner of conversation. In all our comforts may we praise thee, and in all our trials may we be humbled and look to thee; and enable us to say: "Not my will, but thine be done." May we so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things which are eternal.

Enlighten those nations, O Lord, that are now in Mohammedan and Pagan darkness. Prosper all societies and individuals who are actively engaged in making known thy gospel, till the whole world shall be filled with thy glory. Bless thy church, and purify it; and may all who belong to it, adorn their profession by a holy life. Regard especially that part of it to which we belong. Let all error, and unbelief, and sin, be banished from thy church, and may every individual become “a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.”

We pray thee, O Lord, to strengthen those who desire to

serve thee ; and grant them grace that they “ may put away the works of darkness, and put upon them the armour of light.” Comfort the tempted, and support the weak in faith ; and grant that no weapon that is formed against them may prosper. Stir up all who are at ease in their sins, and wilfully offending thee, and lead them to repentance. Bring back all who have backslidden from thee, and wandered from thy fold : may they obtain mercy and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Have compassion upon thy ancient people Israel : “ take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ;

and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites." Bless all, who love thy name, and enable them to walk in the light of thy countenance. Let thy blessing rest upon us as a family: may thy fear direct and rule all our hearts, that we may strive together for the faith of the gospel.

O gracious Lord, let our grateful thanks ascend unto thee, for all the favours we have enjoyed. We have been preserved in dangers, supported in trials, and brought to the close of this day, by thy good providence. Thou hast given us health, and strength, and food, and rai-

ment. Thou hast spared us amidst our sins, and forgetfulness of thee, and continuest those mercies, which we have not known how to prize. Oh, how great are thy mercies! surely they demand our warmest thanksgivings and constant praise.

Pardon, O Lord, what thy pure eyes have beheld amiss in us throughout the day. Grant that we may lie down in peace with thee, and all mankind. We commit all our concerns to thee. As thou hast been about our path by day, so be thou about our bed by night, and preserve us from all evil.

Hear these our supplications, and answer our requests for the sake of Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

“ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.” Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah, our refuge and strength, who art nigh unto all that call upon thee in truth, and wilt hear their cry and help them: mercifully behold us, who are bowed before thee, and for the sake of Jesus Christ answer our prayers.

We desire to approach thee, O Lord, with humble reverence, “not trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mer-

cies." We confess that we are miserable sinners. We have committed innumerable offences against thee. Our hearts have been turned from thee; and our time, our talents, and our mercies, have been converted into occasions of sinning against thee. "Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and, for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past." We plead his atoning blood, and perfect righteousness. He hath died for sinners, and his blood cleanseth from all sin. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. Enable us to lay aside every

weight, and the sin that doth easily beset us ; and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. “ Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.” May we be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. We are weak, and exposed to dangers and temptations, which ever surround and threaten us ; do thou “ keep us outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls.” Enable us to watch and pray, that we enter not into temptation ; and do thou lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name’s sake. Purge our con-

sciences from dead works, that we may serve thee, the living and true God.

Grant, O Lord, that our affections may be set upon things which are above, and may we be humble, contented, and thankful, in the stations, in which thy divine Providence has placed us. Enable us to discharge our duties with diligence and faithfulness. Sanctify our wills, and grant that we may seek in every thing, not to have our own wills, but to submit implicitly to thine. Do thou of thy goodness guide us in every step we take through life; and let us continually repose upon thy wisdom, and look to thee for direction.

O Lord, grant that thy grace may abound towards us, and may we abound in every good work, being filled with the fruits of righteousness. Grant that we may forget those things which are behind, and reach forth towards those which are before; pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus. We are dying creatures, and know not what a day may bring forth; may we, therefore, be always fully prepared for the joy of our Lord.

Grant, O heavenly Father, that thy blessing may rest upon the ministers of thy word, in their preparation for the duties of the ensuing day: enable them to be faithful

to thee, and to their flocks. May they have to say : “ we are clear of your blood, for we have not shunned to declare unto you, the whole counsel of God.” Grant that they may speak as the oracles of God, and may their word come in demonstration of the Spirit and of power : and grant that it may prove a blessing to all who shall hear it. Prepare all who shall attend upon thine ordinances in the coming day, for worshipping thee aright. Take from them all irreverence, distraction, and prejudice in hearing thy word ; and may they receive it with meekness. .

We beseech thee, to have mercy

upon all men. Let every wanderer be reclaimed, and brought to Christ. Support those who are bowed down; deliver the tempted, and comfort those who are in trouble. Prosper and defend thy church; and grant that it may be supplied with faithful pastors after thine own heart. Let their labours be blessed to Jews and Gentiles, to bond and free; and may all be brought to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

We would render thanks to thee, O Lord, for all thy kindness towards us. We bless and praise thee, that we are still continued in life. We thank thee for the

health which we enjoy, and all the temporal blessings which thy bountiful hand hath bestowed ; but we chiefly thank thee, for the riches of thy goodness in Christ Jesus. Thou hast provided a ransom for sinners, who has opened a way into the holiest of holies by his own blood. We thank thee, that all are invited to come unto thee, with the assurance that thou wilt pardon the penitent, through the atonement of Jesus.

We offer these our praises and ask these blessings, with every other mercy we need, through Jesus Christ our Saviour ; to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be

all honour and glory, world without
end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Lord God, from whom every good and perfect gift cometh, and with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning: encouraged by the declarations of thy mercy through Christ Jesus, we appear before thee in supplication.

O Lord, let our prayer come before thee, and hide not thy face from us; for we will acknowledge our sins unto thee, and our offences will we not hide. We have de-

served thine anger, and merited thy righteous indignation. Shouldst thou enter into judgment with us, who can abide in the fierceness of thine anger? Thou hast remembered us in mercy, and sent thine only begotten Son to die, the just for the unjust, to bring us near unto thee. Thou hast made to meet on him, the iniquities of us all. His atonement and merits we plead before thee, and beseech thee, for his sake, to pardon all our transgressions.

Grant, O Lord, that we may be fully turned from sin, and from every evil way; and do thou lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Deliver us from

a proud and haughty spirit; and may we be humble, meek, and kind to all. Make us ever careful to maintain good works, and to be wholly devoted to thy service. Enable us to look to thee for grace and strength, that our feet may be found in the way of peace, that we may daily grow in grace.

Preserve us from coldness and indifference in our devotions. Grant that our desires may be ever up unto thee, and that we may watch and pray, that we grieve not thy Holy Spirit.

In all the trials of life, which we may be called to endure, may thy grace support us; and in all the changes of this mortal life, may

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our hearts surely there be fixed, where true joys alone are to be found. Let not our necessary connexions with the world draw us from thee, or deaden our affections towards thee; but may we walk before thee in righteousness, having respect to the great recompense of reward.

O Lord, prepare us for the duties of the approaching sabbath, and enable all thy worshippers to seek that one thing which is needful. May they come before thee with a just sense of their wants, and of thy willingness to help them. Let thy holy word leave a lasting impression upon every heart, and may it be as good seed, bringing forth

much fruit. If we are permitted to see the coming sabbath, grant that we may sanctify it, and consecrate ourselves wholly to thy service ; not doing after our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words. Keep us from sinning against thee, both in our public duties, and social intercourse.

Be with all thy ministering servants in thine own day. Enable them to speak a word in season, and fully to deliver their own souls. Preserve them from the fear of man, and from the desire of vain glory. May they determine to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified.

We implore thy blessing, O God,

upon all ranks and degrees of men. Grant that the rich may become poor in spirit, and the poor rich in faith. Let the wicked be turned from the error of their ways, and become obedient to the gospel. Open the eyes of those who are seeking happiness in the world, to see the vanity of all earthly things, that they may turn unto thee.

Look in pity upon those, who are wholly taken up with the affairs of this life. Grant that they may begin to inquire: "how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." May they seek to lay hold upon the hope set before them. Preserve those who love thee, in the faith of the gospel, that they

may never grow weary in well doing, or turn aside to the ways of sin. Bless us, as a family, and all with whom we are connected. Grant that all may become new creatures in Christ Jesus, and be united in the bonds of the gospel. Have mercy upon all our enemies, and turn them unto thee.

We thank thee, O Lord, for the mercies of the past day, and of the past week. It is of thy goodness, that we are numbered with the living, and in the enjoyment of our present blessings. Thou hast preserved us in our going out, and coming in, so that no harm has happened to us, nor any calamity befallen us. Thou hast blessed us

in our engagements, and prospered us in our undertakings. We also thank thee for the spiritual blessings which thou hast provided for us in Christ Jesus. Continue them, we pray thee, and grant that we may improve them to the salvation of our souls.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to protect us this night, and grant us quiet repose. Grant that we may be refreshed for the duties of thy own day, and therein be enabled to praise thee aright.

Enable us, by patient continuance in well doing, to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Hear and answer us for Jesus
Christ's sake, who hath taught us
when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, &c.

A PRAYER*

Before the Sacrament.

BLESSED LORD, we beseech thee to grant thy presence and blessing to us, and to all who are about to approach thy table : may we come in genuine repentance, and deeply humbled on account of our sins ; and in the exercise of a lively faith in God's mercy, through Christ.

* These occasional prayers may be used with the morning and evening prayers for the day.

Let the remembrance of his sufferings for our transgressions, fill us with an utter abhorrence of all sin ; and grant that his great love in dying for us, may lead us to trust in his mercy. Enable us to renew our covenant with thee, and to come hungering and thirsting after righteousness, that we may “ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.” May “ we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ, and drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood.” Grant that we may “ be one with Christ, and Christ with us, that we may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.”

Grant that thy Holy Spirit may fully renew our natures, and purify our affections, that we may ever hereafter serve thee, in newness of life. May we be so strengthened by the rich provisions of thy love, that we may go on our way rejoicing. Enable us to overcome every temptation, and to triumph over every opposition; and so to walk with thee here below, that we may live and reign with thee above, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER

After the Sacrament.

ACCEPT our thanks, O merciful Lord, for the opportunities we have enjoyed of drawing near to thy table, and of feeding upon the bounties of thy love. May we ever remember that thy vows are upon us, and live and walk in thy fear and favour. Grant that an affecting sense of thy goodness may so fill our hearts with love to thee, that we may love thee above all

things, and prove our love by our obedience. Feeling our own helplessness and unworthiness, may we look to thee for grace and strength, that we may serve thee, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER,

*To be used when any one of the Family
is sick.*

O LORD GOD, to whom belong the issues of life and death, we look up to thee, and earnestly supplicate thy favour in behalf of thy servant, who is now suffering under thy chastening hand. O sanctify this trial, and grant that it may be conducive to *his* [or *her*] present, and future good. Enable *him* to bear with

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patience, whatever thou mayst see fit to lay upon *him*. Grant that *his* sickness may have the effect of weaning *him* from the world, and bringing *him* in deep humility and repentance to thee. Give *him* to see, what an evil and bitter thing it is to sin against thee; and may *he* be brought to rely for mercy, fully upon the atonement of Christ. Take away all *his* iniquities, and grant *him* pardon, by believing in Jesus. If it please thee, O Lord, restore *him* to health, and may *his* future life be devoted to thy glory. If thou, of thy wisdom, shalt see fit to call *him* hence, give *him* perfect resignation to thy will, and a well grounded hope of thy mercy.

As the outward man decays, strengthen *him* so much the more by thy grace and Holy Spirit, in the inner man. Give *him* a firm faith in thy gracious promises, and enable *him* to say : “ though my strength, and my heart fail, yet God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.” Do thou, O Lord, receive *his* soul at the last, into thine everlasting kingdom.

Grant that this trying dispensation may prove a blessing, to all *his* relatives and acquaintance. Give them thy grace, and enable them to improve this visitation to their good, and to thy glory. May they fully submit to thy will, and be

enabled to say: "it is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good." Seeing the uncertainty of life, and of all earthly things, may they seek thy mercy in Christ Jesus, and a full preparation for death and judgment. We ask these blessings, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER,

*To be used at the death of a Friend,
or any member of the Family.*

O LORD OUR GOD, we would now approach thee in humility and prayer, under the bereavement, which thou hast called us to sustain. We pray thee, O God, to look down upon us in mercy, and grant us grace duly to improve this trying dispensation. Enable us to say without a murmur or complaint:

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“The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Let this afflictive event, have its proper influence upon all our hearts. May it wean us from this present world, and lead us to seek our rest and comforts in thee. Grant that it may cause us to feel, that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and that in the midst of life, we are in death. O prepare us to meet thee, our God. Grant that we may see and feel, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and come to thee weary and heavy laden, that we may find rest. O suffer none of us to continue in a state of danger, and condemnation under thy wrath, but

bring us to that repentance which is unto life. Visit us with thy salvation, and renew us in the spirit of our minds, and give us peace. We know, O Lord, that thou wilt bring us to death, and to the house appointed for all living ; for our life is even as a vapour, which appeareth but for a little time, and then vanisheth away. May we henceforth attend to thy command: “ be ye also ready ;” and, whenever the period of our departure shall arrive, may we die the death of the righteous. In the full prospect of eternity, enable us to say : “ though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

O Lord, we look unto thee ; thou art our Father, may we be thy reconciled children in Christ Jesus. Suffer us not to stray into the paths of sin, or to grieve thy Holy Spirit, lest we provoke thee to cut us off in our iniquity ; and thou sware in thy wrath, that we shall not enter into thy rest. Do thou, of thy goodness, enable us to watch and pray ; and so to pass through things temporal, that we may at length attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

O ALMIGHTY and merciful Lord God, we would approach thee in unfeigned thankfulness, while we reflect upon the exceeding riches of thy grace, in thy kindness towards us, by Christ Jesus. Thou hast so loved the world, as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We were guilty and miserable sinners, who lay in darkness, and

the shadow of death. We have turned to our own way, and have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Enable us to draw near to thee, by faith in thy beloved Son, who became incarnate, to be the propitiation for our sins. Grant that we may receive him, as the Lord our righteousness, with adoring gratitude ; and may he purify us unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

O blessed Jesus, we praise thee, that thou didst become God manifest in the flesh, to be the Saviour of the world. Save us from our sins, we humbly beseech thee ; and enable us to walk in newness of life. “ Thou art the king of

glory, O Christ, thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb." O may our souls magnify thee, O Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour. Be thou our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Enable us daily to depend upon thee, for all we need; and to receive out of thy fulness, grace and strength to live to thee. May we look to thee, as the consolation of Israel, and love thee with all our hearts; and may we rejoice in thee with a joy that is unspeakable, and full of glory.

“ We believe that thou wilt come

to be our Judge.” Grant that we may be cleansed by thy blood, sanctified by thy Spirit, and daily prepared to meet thee ; that when thou who art our life shalt appear, we also may appear with thee in glory.

Hear us, O God of our mercies, and answer these our feeble requests, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FOR THE
LAST DAY OF THE OLD YEAR.

O THOU Creator, and preserver of men, we bless thee, that thou hast brought us to the close of another year, and that we are all of us now alive. It is of thy goodness and mercy, that we are still enjoying so many blessings. We praise thee, O Lord, for all thy goodness, which thou still continuest to us.

Thy forbearance and mercy to-

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wards us have been great, for we have been grievous sinners. We confess that our duties have been greatly neglected, and our spiritual privileges, have neither been sufficiently prized nor improved. We have not redeemed our time, nor rightly improved our talents; nor have we been duly thankful, for thy continued and multiplied mercies. To us belong shame and confusion of face, but to thee belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against thee. Pardon our iniquities for the sake of thy dear Son; and grant, that at the close of this year, we may experience a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness. May we spend

the remaining part of our sojourning here, in thy faith and fear.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the comforts and blessings, which thou hast caused to descend upon us, through the past year. We have not suffered, as many around us have suffered, either in our bodies, our reputation, or our circumstances. If thou hast chastened us, innumerable mercies have been mingled with our afflictions, which call for unfeigned thankfulness. Surely, goodness and mercy have followed us, all our days.

As the year closes upon us, may we feel the uncertainty of life, and of all earthly enjoyments. Enable us so to redeem our time, and im-

prove our talents, that we may be prepared for every event that may befall us. If we live to see the beginning and close of the coming year, may we live to the Lord; and if we die, may we die to the Lord; so that living or dying we may be the Lord's. O grant us grace, to consecrate ourselves entirely to thy service, and whatever painful trials we may be called to sustain, do thou support us under them, and, at length, deliver us from them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, of whose goodness it is, that we are preserved to see the commencement of another year; and are permitted to fall down and worship at thy footstool. We raise our hearts in fervent praise, that our lives are still continued.

We acknowledge, with deep shame and contrition, that we have hitherto been but as cumberers of the ground; and that thou mightst

justly have cut us down, or removed thy favours from us. Blessed be thy name, thou still rememberest us in mercy, and delightest to do us good.

Many who were in health, at the beginning of the last year, have been called into eternity, while we are spared. May we feel, that in the midst of life, we are in death ; and so number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Grant that we may give up our hearts to thee this day, and choose thee for our present and eternal portion. Create us anew in Christ Jesus, to good works ; and may we put on the new man, and become new creatures. Cleanse us from all

our sins by the blood of Christ, and make us pure; and may we seek to perfect holiness in thy fear. Grant that we may be no longer careful and troubled about many things, but may we seek that one thing which is needful, that we may enjoy thy favour.

We thank thee unfeignedly, O Lord, that thou hast brought us to the beginning of this year, in safety and peace. We thank thee, that our health, our comforts, and our friends are continued to us; and that we are in the possession of all the spiritual blessings we now enjoy. We pray thee still to continue them, and grant that our lives may testify our gratitude, by being

devoted to thy service. If thou shalt spare our lives to the conclusion of the year, do thou support us in its trials, that we sin not against thee ; and preserve us in its enjoyments, that we may not forget thee. But if thou shalt be pleased to remove any of us, may we be prepared for the eternal rest, which thou hast provided for those that love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.

“ O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully to hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.

“ Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of

all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

“ O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldst not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins.

Thy property is always to have mercy ; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed ; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners ; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults ; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
Amen.

FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

O LORD GOD, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ for our redemption ; look down in mercy upon us, through the atoning sacrifice of his blood. Grant that we may be deeply humbled under a sense of our sins, which caused the Saviour all his sorrows and sufferings. May we look unto him, whom our sins have pierced, and find salvation.

“ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. By thy agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, good Lord deliver us. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us, as we do put our trust in thee.” Wash us, we pray thee, in the blood of Christ, and make us holy in heart and life. While we reflect upon thy great love, in dying for us, may our hearts be suitably affected with

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love to thee. Seeing that we are not our own, but are bought with a price, may we glorify thee, in our souls and bodies which are thine. May we ever live to thee, who hast died for us, and risen again. O Lord, do thou deliver us from this present evil world, and enable us to take up our cross and to follow thee. May we never crucify thee afresh, but do thou enable each of us to say: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who hath loved me, and given himself for me." Do thou, of thy mercy, guide us through life, and

at length, bring us to join the countless multitude around thy throne in singing: “unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, be glory and dominion for ever and ever.” Grant these petitions for Christ’s sake. Amen.

FOR EASTER DAY.

O LORD OUR GOD, we appear before thee with thanksgiving and praise, for the revelation of thy mercy to us, through Christ Jesus. He died for our sins, and rose again for our justification. We approach thee, therefore, in his name, and plead his righteousness.

We, by nature and practice, “are miserable sinners, who lie in darkness and the shadow of death.” O Lord Jesus, thou art “the resurrec-

tion and the life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth, and believeth in thee, shall not die eternally. We beseech thee to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness. Thou hast overcome the sharpness of death, and hast opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers;" enable us to believe in thee, to the saving of the soul.

" O merciful God, grant, we beseech thee, that the old Adam may be so buried in each of us that the new man may be raised up in us. Grant that all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the spirit may live and

grow in us." O make us partakers of the benefits of the death of thy Son, that we may also be partakers of his resurrection. Grant that we may daily seek those things which are above, that when he who is our life shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory.

Enable us, O Lord, at all times, to say: "blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again to a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." Grant that we may daily live by faith on the Son of God, who hath loved us,

and given himself for us ; looking forward with a blessed hope of a joyful resurrection.

“ Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead, the Lord Jesus Christ, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ ;” to whom with thyself and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

FOR WHIT SUNDAY.

O LORD, we desire to approach thee in thanksgiving and praise, for all thy mercies. We thank thee, for the rich provision thou hast made for sinners, in the gospel of thy Son. Through his merits and death, we can by the Holy Spirit, have access to thee, and obtain those blessings which our necessities require.

We come to thee, O Lord, acknowledging our guilt and utter unworthiness. We pray thee to

grant us thy Holy Spirit, to convince us more deeply of our sinfulness, that we may deplore the corruption of our hearts. Grant that he may so enlighten our minds, that we may see the things which belong to our peace; and by his guidance may pursue the same and be led into all truth.

O God, the Holy Ghost, whose office it is to take of the things of Christ, and to show them to us; give us an affecting sense of the love of Christ, and of the blessings of his kingdom, and shed abroad his love in our hearts. Pour upon us, O Lord, the spirit of grace and supplication, that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth. "Cleanse

the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name." Enlighten our understandings, and enable us to understand the scriptures. Sanctify our natures, and fill us with peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Strengthen us, by thy Spirit's might, in the inner man; and enable us so to live, that our light may shine before men, that they may glorify thee, our heavenly Father. Preserve us, O Lord, amidst the dangers to which we are exposed, and grant that we may never grieve thy Holy Spirit.

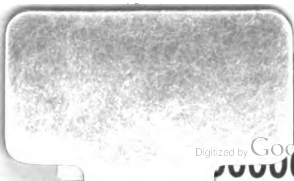
Pour out thy Holy Spirit upon all flesh; and grant that thy gos-

pel may come to every heart, not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. May all who are dead in trespasses and sins, be quickened and live.

Hear these our prayers, we humbly beseech thee, and enable us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit for Christ's sake; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed present and eternal praise. Amen.

THE END.

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